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## RUMANIA PREPARING TO PLUNGE INTO WAR

### Turk and Bulgar Forces Are Moving Toward Frontier In Order to Meet Threatened Attack From Enemy--Berlin Reports State That Overcrowding and Severity of Winter Weather Is Stamping Great White Plague Upon Russian Prison Camps--American Nurses Fear Plague Will Sweep Empire

London, Feb. 7.—While Rumania continues her apparent preparations to plunge into the war struggle, Bulgar and Turk forces are moving on the Rumanian border to meet the concentration move there, said Milan messages today.

From another source, it was reported that the central powers had demanded a partial Rumanian demobilization, along with a pledge of benevolent neutrality toward the Teutons. This, it was said, was ignored.

Newspapers here dealt at length with the situation today, and corroborated exclusive United Press dispatches Saturday showing Rumanian activities that lead to the belief that Rumania intends soon to link herself with the allies. From the Milan correspondent of the Chronicle came a report that the central powers have protested against the sale by Rumania of 80,000 carloads of grain to the allies. Rumania, it was stated, replied that this move was necessary to safeguard her economic interests. From this statement, it is believed Rumania is convinced that the allies might be in a position to deal harshly with her if she did not meet their desires.

Yet another report of the situation said that Austria had protested against the nomination of two Rumanian parliament candidates pledged to acquisition of Transylvania.

Sudden Rumanian concentration within fifty yards of the Austrian lines was reported by the Chronicle's Maronitz correspondent.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Overcrowding, coupled with the severity of the Russian winter, is stamping the great white plague upon the prison camps of Russia.

work, so the entire unit of workers is returning to the United States.

Durazzo Threatened. Rome, Feb. 7.—The Albanian port of Durazzo is threatened by early Austrian occupation.

Austrian cavalry has reached the Arzeni river four miles away, according to dispatches today, and this group is awaiting the arrival of the main body of Austrians who crossed the Ishm Sunday after defeating the Serbs. The latter are retiring southward to escape envelopment by the Bulgarians at Elbassan.

## NOT MUCH DAMAGE FROM HIGH WATER

### Quickest Thaw On Record Has Made Torrents of Many Oregon Streams

Portland, Or., Feb. 7.—Because the Columbia and Willamette rivers are playing a game of see-saw, no disastrous floods were anticipated as a result of the quick thaw which followed the unusually heavy snowstorms of the past month.

Although the upper Willamette was on a rampage, had passed the flood stage at many points, and was rising rapidly this afternoon, rivermen predicted that no great damage would result.

The thaw melted snow chiefly in the valleys. The channel of the Willamette river can easily carry away all this water, because the Columbia river is low and a swift current is running.

By the time floods strike the Columbia, the Willamette torrent will have subsided, it was predicted.

Water will cover the lower docks in Portland, but will not flood waterfront streets because the backwater from the Columbia is lacking. A stage of 16.5 feet by Thursday was predicted by the weather bureau. River bottom farms throughout the entire valley will be flooded, but they meet this fate every year.

Three warnings were issued by the local weather bureau today. They were against high water along the riverfront, avalanches in the mountains and a storm off the Oregon coast which would endanger small craft.

Schools were opened in Portland today for the first time since last Tuesday when the snow and sleet storm forced them to close.

The quickest thaw on record striking one of the heaviest snows on record was expected to bring unprecedented floods.

From the headwaters to the mouth of the Willamette a rapid thaw and rising waters were reported. At Roseburg the Umpqua was said to be on a rampage. At Canyonville the mountain streams were running back full.

Outside of the Willamette valley the thaw was not so rapid. Great damage to fruit trees was feared at Hood River, where sleet fell heavily during the night on top of 36 inches of snow.

High Water At Eugene. Eugene, Or., Feb. 7.—The Willamette river spreads out for nearly a mile opposite Eugene today. With a total precipitation of 2.5 inches in 38 hours the river is seven feet above flood stage today and still rising. The highest point of the flood is expected this afternoon. The rain has ceased. Some damage was reported to farms along the river bottoms, but farmers were prepared for floods and the suffering is comparatively slight.

## YANKEE TOILERS BUY TITLE FOR EXPATRIATED LANDLORD



MRS. WALDORF ASTOR and SON WILLIAM ASTOR. New York's annual tribute in grandeur to the new made baron is estimated at three million and nearly a million of this goes to the British government in special war tax on income. His loyalty to the country of his adoption in its present crisis won for Astor what years of watchful waiting had failed to bring, and that was a seat in the House of Lords.

American dollars also purchased for him the estate of Clivedon, from the Duke of Westminster, for \$6,000,000. Thus he becomes the first American landed aristocrat to wear a title. He had to leave America for the title, but the income that supports it is still sent willingly abroad by the thousands of Americans who toil and hustle on the ancestral Astor lands in New York city.

Astor is the son of John Jacob Astor, the first. He has a son, Waldorf Astor, and a grandson, William, aged 7, who would rather be called "Bill." The latter's mother was formerly Miss Nellie Langhorne, one of a family of girls whose beauty was made famous by the pencil of Charles Dana Gibson.

## CHISEL FOUND AT HINKLE HOME MAY SHOW BLOOD STAINS

### Dark Stains Will Be Analyzed by Chemist For Traces of Blood

A heavy, dark stained chisel which was found in one of the upstairs rooms of the J. R. Hinkle residence is in the possession of the police today and is the only new development in the murder mystery that has apparently baffled the local officers. The chisel is one of the kind used by wood workers and is about 18 inches long with the wooden handle and is one and one fourth inches wide. The blade is stained with rust and some of the darker stains are red as coagulated blood. These stains could easily be rust and the chisel may be discarded as a clue after an examination by a chemist.

All other clues that have been offered and the various theories that have been advanced have been run to earth and found to lead to no definite conclusion except that the deed was committed by someone who was familiar with the premises and who was evidently recognized by the murdered woman.

Mrs. Hinkle was buried this afternoon in the shroud that she had prepared for her funeral. She had even pinned a note to the garment giving full directions for the funeral with the request that the shroud be used for her at her death. It happens that she had just recently finished the making of the garment. She had been suffering from a slight illness for some time and had been under the doctor's care repeatedly according to intimate friends of the family.

That she was in ill health and naturally frail discounts the theory that she fought for her life with her assailant. There were no marks on her hands or arms to indicate that she even threw up her arms to ward off the blows and it is probable that she was felled by the first blow and the others rained on her head after she was lying on the floor.

At the coroner's inquest which was held Saturday afternoon no new features came to light and the story as told by the witnesses was substantially the same as outlined in the news stories. The members of the family and close neighbors testified as to events which took place after the murder was discovered but any clues that might lead the police to the guilty parties were missing.

The husband of the murdered woman, J. R. Hinkle, said he left the house about 7 o'clock in the evening and went over to the home of his son-in-law for a few minutes before going down town. He returned about 9 o'clock and found his house dark and the front door locked. He then went to the rear door which he also found locked. Thinking that his wife had

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## AMERICAN DEMANDS HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED

### Secretary of State Lansing Makes Denial of Report Issued by Secretary Zimmerman at Berlin--Position of This Government Same As First Taken He Declares--President and Secretary Will Confer As To Advisability of Making Concessions In Order to Meet German View of Lusitania Incident

Washington, Feb. 7.—The statement attributed to Under Secretary Zimmerman at Berlin, that America had increased its demands in the Lusitania case, was called false by Secretary of State Lansing today.

"The government has not increased its demands as set forth in the notes of May 13, June 9 and July 21," Lansing said. "I doubt very much if Zimmerman ever made such a statement as he must know it is utterly false."

The secretary had prepared a statement saying, "this government has not increased or reduced its demands." Before continuing, he explained that he wished to withdraw the "or reduced" portion as irrelevant.

His statements were appropos of a news agency quotation of Zimmerman as saying Friday: "I do not understand America's course. We thought the submarine issue was settled and the Lusitania question on the way to an arrangement—we had agreed to pay an indemnity and all that—when the United States suddenly made its new demands which it is impossible for us to accept."

"You must not push your demands too far. You must not attempt to humiliate Germany."

The secretary's announcement gave the Lusitania controversy a sensational turn. Many held that the flat declaration that this government has not reduced its demands bodes ill for German hopes that the administration might meet compromise offers half way.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Whether the United States government shall make a compromise to meet the German compromise in the Lusitania situation was slated for decision at a White House conference today between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

German representatives intimated today that the Berlin foreign office has made several concessions and this apparently constitutes an important factor in the case.

Secretary Lansing, however, has declared that the "American situation remains unchanged" from that taken in the note demanding Germany disavow the Lusitania torpedoing and to characterize it as illegal. Moreover, the White House has said the same thing insistently.

In view of the seeming deadlock in negotiations, officials are impressed with the gravity of the situation, despite Lansing's statement Saturday to the United Press—"there can be no deadlock as long as informal negotiations continue."

It is known that the president has gone over the memorandum Berastorff presented last week. He talked briefly over the same with Lansing prior to the scheduled conference, and it is understood he expected Lansing to have the whole matter in shape for decisive action following the conference.

The only White House expression obtainable before the conference was: "There will be no quibbling over words and there has been none."

It is known that the White House is impatient at German activities in reporting that differences between the two nations is only a matter of phrasing, but it is not determined whether there will be a rebuke at such a course.

"Certain Germans have been very diligent," was the phrase one official used in discussing these German activities.

The German embassy said it had no knowledge about the alleged Zimmerman interview.

"We do not know whether he said it, or why, if he did," an official said. "Maybe he gave it out just as some 'crisis' rumors are put out here."

Germanians say that tentative proposals for closing up the Lusitania case embody so complete a concession on Germany's part that a compromise by America will not be necessary. They said that in effect, the latest German memorandum contains a paraphrase of President Wilson's declaration in his last note, that however, justifiable the sinking might have been as a reprisal step, it was not justifiable when it endangered the rights of neutrals. Moreover, Germanians said that the paraphrase offers a complete agreement with the American viewpoint.

During the forenoon, Chairman Stone after talking with President Wilson said: "The Lusitania case seems settled—according to the newspapers." He did not, however, indicate his own opinion.

torney whom you had engaged to examine a title and who informed you of facts that would both prove and disprove your contention.

Wilson was engaged to watch the case for coast shippers. In this capacity, he was allied with Thorne.

Quite an array of witnesses had been mustered against Brandeis. One of the charges will be that he "played both sides" in a Boston case. Again, he will be accused of drawing legal documents for the United Shoe Machinery company and then taking a case against the company for a St. Louis firm.

The party lineup is 56 democrats and 40 republicans. Eight or nine of the republicans, at least, will be for the confirmation of the "people's lawyer" as Brandeis is known. Starting really with 31 or 32 votes, the republicans must align 16 or 17 democrats to make a tie.

To win, Brandeis must have a clear majority 49, and Vice-President Marshall has no vote.

## RUMOR OF NEW PLOTS CAUSES CANADIAN OFFICIALS TAKE ACTION

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 7.—Sensational reports of new plots against Canada were in circulation today as parliament prepared to assemble to discuss fires that destroyed the parliament buildings and two plants last week.

Lending strength to the belief that spies are operating in Canada came word today that a supposed plotter had been fired on as he rowed toward the international bridge connecting the United States and Bridgeburg, Ontario. This, taken with other recent suspicious incidents, added to the spirit of apprehension here.

The Ninth Overseas battalion of 1156 men arrived today at the Welland canal to reinforce two regiments already guarding the canal and munition plants there. This added precaution was taken as a result of rumors of a plot to destroy the canal. At the same time, the military replaced civilian guards at the plants, sentries were placed at public buildings and a continuous guard will be maintained for the canal and bridges.

The existence of plots to wreck public buildings and munitions factories since the police found plans of the parliament buildings and several harbors in the trunk of a German named Seawelder, who wrote from the society's annual masquerade ball Saturday night and to dynamite the San Jose Mercury-Herald unless it printed the threat. A dozen threatening letters have been received by officers of the society and the newspapers. During the masquerade, the dancers were guarded by 30 policemen in plain clothes, who held up all persons carrying bundles or suitcases.

The police, however, would not confirm the story concerning the maps, and the manager of the hotel where the trunk was left, denied the claim, saying that only a few letters in German and some clothes were contained.

Despite all of these suspicious occurrences, it was expected that Premier Borden would express the conviction that the parliament fire was accidental.

Bridges Are Guarded. New York, Feb. 7.—Police authorities declined today to reveal specific reasons why they had been asked to place guards at the Brooklyn and the Manhattan bridges as the cruiser Washington steamed in from Haiti yesterday. The only suggestion was that this was to guard against possible bombs being thrown from the two structures as she passed beneath, but they would not say whether they had actual knowledge that such an attempt was planned.

Suspicious Actions. Bridgeport, Ont., Feb. 7.—Another development in the alleged antisally plotting against bridges, munition plants and public buildings in Canada was seen today when a man in a row boat was reported to have approached a pier of the international bridge spanning the Niagara river between Bridgeburg and Buffalo.

## Governor Johnson Is Still Progressive

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 7.—At his office today Governor Johnson issued a written statement that is quite significant politically.

"I do not abate one jot my progressivism," he wrote, "nor shall I."

At Chicago in June when the republicans and progressives assembled for their national conventions, if they can meet upon a common ground and select a candidate in sympathy with progressive principles, I assume they will unite and go forward together."

## SMALLPOX IN PRISON

A case of smallpox was discovered at the penitentiary yesterday morning and about 40 prisoners who had been exposed to the malady were immediately vaccinated and the case was isolated in the prison hospital. The disease was brought to the prison by Lyle Wilson, a paroled prisoner who was returned from Albany about two weeks ago after he had been exposed on the outside.

Prison officials stated today that there was no cause for alarm as the case was taken care of at once and that it did not originate from the inside and that it was believed that an epidemic would be averted by the prompt action. Visitors who come to the prison are informed of the conditions and if they care to take the risk are still shown about the prison and the prison is not under strict quarantine.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday rain and colder to night; and strong winds from the south in interior, moderate south-westerly gales all along the coast; dangerous avalanches in the mountains probable the next 24 hours.

THIS IS BAR GAIN TIME

Abbe Martin  
COMES TO ALL